

ALA Councilor Report-6

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During the last few months I have continued to field requests for information about the proposed dues increase and to forward information to the NDLA membership regarding this and other issues. The dues increase was approved in this year's balloting and will now be phased in over a three year period.

I will be in New Orleans from June 23-28 for the ALA Annual Conference and I expect to have a full report for NDLA members upon my return. The conference promises to be very interesting this time around since New Orleans is still recovering from Hurricane Katrina. I hope to have the opportunity to visit some of the libraries in the city and report back first hand on the recovery efforts currently underway.

On the ALA Council listserv the big issue debated recently has been ALA's relationship with the Boy Scouts of America. Some Council members feel this relationship should be terminated due to the Boy Scouts position on homosexuality. It is likely that this issue will be debated and discussed at the Council sessions, I will let you all know what the outcome is.